



Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure Newsletter

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Physician Profile Added to KBML Web Site

On December 20, 2001 the physician profile went on line on the KBML web site at www.state.ky.us/agencies/kbml/. The profile contains name, license number, practice address, practice county, area of practice, type of practice, year licensed in Kentucky, medical school, year graduated and disciplinary actions in the past ten years if applicable.

In addition to the physician profile the Board's web site contains policy statements and guidelines, a direct link to the Kentucky Medical Practice Act and Regulations, monthly disciplinary actions, disciplinary procedures, CME information, applications forms, physician assistant information, demographics, and other topics of interest. The Board receives many favorable remarks about the KBML web site and to date has had over 43,000 visitors since its creation in 1999. The web site has provided a valuable service to the public as well as to physicians practicing in the state. Physicians wishing to make a factual change to their profile may use the "Change of Address Notice" included in each newsletter.

Internet Prescribing

The prescribing and dispensing of medications via the Internet has created complex regulatory challenges for state medical boards in protecting the public. Accepted standards of medical practice must be upheld regardless of means of communication or delivery of health care services. Consumers obtaining prescriptions, medications, and/or medical treatments from Internet web sites without an adequate evaluation by a physician pose an immediate threat to the public health and safety.

For the past year, the KBML has been studying this problem. In order to adequately protect the public health, safety and welfare, the Board has taken the position that prescribing drugs to individuals the physician has never met based solely on answers to a set of questions, as is common in Internet prescribing, is inappropriate and unprofessional.

To ensure the public is adequately protected, the Board is proposing changes in the Medical Practice Act requiring physicians to establish and maintain a proper physician-patient relationship. An on-line or telephonic evaluation by questionnaire is inadequate for the initial evaluation or for the personal follow-up evaluation. The Board feels a valid physician/patient relationship cannot be established without an initial face-to-face evaluation by a health care professional.

Physician Alert

Most physicians are aware of the increase in problems associated with the abuse of the prescription drug Oxycontin. The abuse of this drug has grown to epidemic proportions in the past year. The utilization of emergency rooms presents an excellent opportunity for someone to fabricate a pain or ailment and obtain a prescription for Oxycontin or other controlled substances. Physicians are asked to be on alert regarding this issue. The potential for abuse in this area is great. Physicians working in hospital emergency rooms need to prescribe only as "medically necessary" and "best practice" dictate and should be wary of those individuals who may seek to fabricate pain or ailments to obtain these drugs.

Final Disciplinary Actions

Joseph M. Casey, M.D., #22203, Jefferson Co.

Emergency Order of Suspension issued 12-17-01 based on violation of Order Amending Order of Indefinite Restriction.

Frederick H. Coates, M.D., #21689, Jessamine Co.

Agreed Order of Surrender entered into 12-17-01.

Donald I. George, M.D., #10842, Fayette Co.

Agreed Order Terminating Probation; Agreed Order entered into 10-09-01.

James K. Holbrook, M.D., #27278, Rowan Co.

Agreed Order of Revocation; Probated entered into 11-06-01.

Gregory Hoskins, P.A.-C, PA #267, Hopkins Co.

Agreed Order of Probation entered into 09-24-01.

Richard M. Hutson, M.D., #15062, McCracken Co.

Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 12-13-01.

James C. Jensen, M.D., #23280, Fayette Co.

Order Denying Petition for Reinstatement issued 10-30-01.

Sean M. Maguire, M.D., #28821, Hopkins Co.

Second Order Amending Agreed Order of Probation issued 10-03-01. Physician's request to reapply for DEA permit granted. Terms and conditions set forth in Order.

Francisco Moya-Brenes, M.D., #10891, Owsley Co.

Agreed Order of Surrender entered into 11-16-01.

James David Payne, M.D., #17467, New Albany, IN

Order Denying Application for Reregistration issued 01-04-02.

Jeffery W. Prater, M.D., #26516, Perry Co.

Agreed Order of Probation entered into 09-24-01.

Michael J. Pravetz, M.D., #29553, Louisa Co.

Order Denying Petition for Reinstatement issued 10-03-01.

Bernd Raphael, M.D., #32893, Carroll Co.

Order Terminating Agreed Order issued 11-06-01.

Mario Rios, M.D., #LL409, Jefferson Co.

Order of Probation entered 12-14-01.

Bruce C. Smith, M.D., #17274, Hickman Co.

Order Denying Petition for Reinstatement issued 12-17-01.

Steven P. Snyder, D.O., #02516, Greenup Co.

Agreed Order of Surrender entered into 10-10-01. License surrendered in lieu of revocation.

Renewal of Medical License for 2002

The 2002 annual renewal forms were mailed in December and a second mailing will be sent in February to physicians who have not responded. The \$125.00 renewal fee is due by March 1, 2002. To avoid paying a late fee, forms must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2002. Late registration, (after March 1, but before April 1), may be made by an additional \$50.00 penalty fee.

Should you fail to register before the April 1, 2002 deadline, your license will automatically become inactive and subsequent practice in Kentucky will be considered the unauthorized practice of medicine or osteopathy. Anyone registering after the April 1 deadline will be imposed an additional fee.

CME Cycle Ends December 31, 2002

This is the final year of the current three year Continuing Medical Education (CME) cycle which started January 1, 2000 and ends December 31, 2002. Board regulation 201 KAR 9:310 requires all physicians maintaining their Kentucky medical/osteopathic license to have obtained 60 hours of CME for the cycle noted above. Thirty of these hours must be in Category 1 accredited by the Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association. Two of the 60 hours must be in an HIV/AIDS course that has been approved by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health Services pursuant to 902 KAR 2:160. The remaining thirty hours can be in either Category I or may consist of non-supervised personal learning activities designated as Category 2 CME hours. If information is needed on the HIV/AIDS education course, you may contact the Cabinet for Health Services at 502/564-6539 or you may visit their web site at <http://publichealth.state.ky.us/hiv-aids.htm>

All primary care physicians, who were granted licensure after July 1, 1996, are required by statute to successfully complete an approved three-hour training course in domestic violence within three years of the date of initial licensure. Primary care as defined by KRS 164.925 includes professionals practicing Family/General Practice, General Pediatrics, General Internal Medicine, Emergency Medicine, General Obstetrics/Gynecology, and Preventive Medicine/Public Health. It should be noted that the three-hour domestic violence requirement may be applied toward the total sixty hour CME required for the current cycle. For information on obtaining an approved domestic violence course please contact the Kentucky Medical Association CME department at (502) 426-6200.

KBML, Inquiry Panel & Committee Meetings for 2002

January	17	Board Inquiry/Hearing Panel B
February	07	Physician Assistant Advisory Committee
	21	Board Inquiry/Hearing Panel A
	27	Advisory Council on Athletic Trainers
March	21	Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure
April	18	Board Inquiry/Hearing Panel B
May	08	Advisory Council on Athletic Trainers
	09	Physician Assistant Advisory Committee
	16	Board Inquiry/Hearing Panel A
June	20	Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure
July	18	Board Inquiry/Hearing Panel B
August	07	Advisory Council on Athletic Trainers
	15	Physician Assistant Advisory Committee
	22	Board Inquiry/Hearing Panel A
September	26	Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure
October	24	Board Inquiry/Hearing Panel B
November	06	Advisory Council on Athletic Trainers
	07	Physician Assistant Advisory Committee
	21	Board Inquiry/Hearing Panel A
December	19	Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure

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Change of Address Notice

Please Note: The information that you provide on this Change of Address Notice will be used to update your profile on the Board's web site at www.state.ky.us/agencies/kbml/.

(Please Print or Type Information)

Date: _____

KY License Number: _____

Name: _____
(last) (first) (m.i.)

Mailing Address: _____
(street)

(city) (state) (zip)

KY Practice County: _____ **Office Telephone:** _____

Practice Address: _____
(street)

(city) (state) (zip)

E-Mail Address: _____

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